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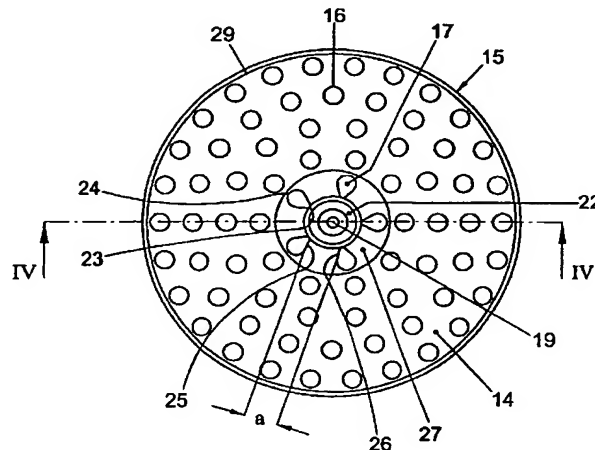
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(54) Title: PAD SUPPORT FOR A BEVERAGE MAKER, FOAM UNIT AND BEVERAGE MAKER COMPRISING SUCH A
PAD SUPPORT, AND METHOD OF PREPARING A BEVERAGE WITH A FOAM LAYER USING SUCH A PAD SUPPORT



(57) Abstract: A pad support (15) for a beverage maker comprising a bottom (14;64) that forms a barrier for beverage liquid flowing from a supported pad (18), a discharge opening (19) in the bottom (14;64) for discharging beverage liquid through the bottom (14;64), and a nozzle (22;72) restricting the discharge opening (19) for generating a beverage liquid jet from the nozzle (22;72), and a plurality of pad support projections (16, 17) comprising an innermost plurality (17) of the support projections projecting from the bottom (14;64) at positions circumferentially distributed around the discharge opening (19). Seen in top plan view towards the bottom (14;64), at least some of the innermost plurality of support projections (17) have a cross-section that is elongate in a radial direction with respect to the discharge opening (19). A foam unit, a beverage maker (1), and a method using such a pad support (15;65) are also described.

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